Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below. This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit configured to read image data of a document;

an image storage unit configured to store the image data read by the image reading unit;

a display unit configured to display the image data stored in the image storage unit;

a reading control unit configured to perform a successive reading operation, wherein, in the successive reading operation, plural sets of document sheets divided from a series of document sheets are independently read by the image reading unit until a read-end command is input, and image data corresponding to the read plural sets of document sheets is stored in the image storage unit as a series of image data corresponding to the series of document sheets; [[and]]

an image outputting unit configured to collectively output the plural sets of document sheets stored in the image storage unit as the series of image data when the read-end command is input; and

a control unit configured to enable the display unit to display image data corresponding to the read image data after reading each set of document sheets in the successive reading operation.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the control unit enables the display unit to display the stored image data at an interval between a first reading process for one divided set of document sheets and a second reading process for another divided set of document sheets, the second reading process being performed after the first reading process.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a command acceptance unit configured to accept [[a]] the read-end command in the successive reading operation,

wherein, in the successive reading operation, the control unit enables the display unit to display the stored image data before the command acceptance unit accepts the read-end command.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, in the successive reading operation, the control unit enables the display unit to display the stored image data before the second reading process is started.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, in the successive reading operation, the control unit enables the display unit to display the stored image data after completion of the first reading process and before the second reading process is started.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a re-read unit configured to re-read a document page by the image reading unit and replace image data corresponding to image data currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein in response to completion of the first reading process, inputting of a command to display image data stored in the image storage unit on the display unit is enabled.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein in response to completion of the first reading process, inputting of [[a]] the read-end command in the successive reading operation is enabled.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a re-read command is allowed to be input to re-read a document page by the image reading unit and replace image data currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a suspending instruction unit configured to instruct suspension of the successive reading operation for the series of document sheets and resume the suspended reading operation,

wherein the interval is provided by the suspending instruction unit.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): An image processing method comprising:

performing a successive reading operation, wherein, in the successive reading operation, plural sets of document sheets divided from a series of document sheets are independently read until a read-end command is input, and image data corresponding to the read plural sets of document sheets is stored in an image storage unit as a series of image data corresponding to the series of document sheets; [[and]]

outputting, collectively, the plural sets of document sheets stored in the image storage unit as the series of image data when the read-end command is input; and

allowing a display unit to display the stored image data corresponding to the read image data after reading each set of document sheets in the successive reading operation.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 11,

wherein displaying of the stored image data by the display unit is allowed at an interval between a first reading process for one divided set of document sheets and a second reading process for another divided set of document sheets, the second reading process being performed after the first reading process.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 12, further comprising:

accepting [[a]] the read-end command in the successive reading operation,

wherein, in the successive reading operation, displaying of the stored image data by the display unit is allowed the read-end command is accepted.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein, in the successive reading operation, displaying of the stored image data by the display unit is allowed before the second reading process is started.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein, in the successive reading operation, displaying of the stored image data by the display unit is allowed after completion of the first reading process and before the second reading process is started.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 11, further comprising:

re-reading a document page; and

replacing image data corresponding to image data currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein in response to completion of the first reading process, inputting of a command to display image data stored in the image storage unit on the display unit is enabled.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 13, wherein in response to completion of the first reading process, inputting of [[a]] the read-end command in the successive reading operation is enabled.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 15, wherein a re-read command is allowed to be input to re-read a document page and replace image data corresponding to image data currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): An image processing method according to claim 12, further comprising:

instructing suspension of the successive reading operation for the series of document sheets; and

resuming the suspended reading operation,

wherein the interval is provided by the instruction.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 11.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 12.

Claim 23 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 13.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 14.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 15.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 16.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 17.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 18.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 19.

Claim 30 (Previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 20.